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Mr Chairman, slavery exists in this country only in consequence of this Union. If we ever separate how long do you think slavery would continue in the South? Let me give you the testimony of Lieutenant Gov. Raymond on this subject from a recent number of the Daily Times.

"It is not in the power of any living man to blind the eyes of the southern people to the immediate, & to them fearfully disastrous consequences of disunion. Even conceding every thing urged on its behalf; — granting that the tendency of political events is inevitably to give to the northern forms of society entire supremacy in the federal government, — & that slavery must ~~vanish~~ eventually disappear before its steady development of population & power, still the southern people see that the remedy proposed would infinitely aggravate the disease. Disunion would lead to the speedy & violent destruction of slavery. It would deluge the southern states in blood & bury slavery beneath the ruins of society" [Daily Times of April 28 1856]

There is a specimen of New York Republicanism — a confession that millions are in bondage in consequence of this Union. Mr Chairman, I am for the abolition of slavery, therefore for the dissolution of the Union which makes abolition impossible (Applause)